

# A Micromachined Comb-Drive Tuning Fork Rate Gyroscope

This model is licensed under the COMSOL Software License Agreement 6.3. All trademarks are the property of their respective owners. See www.comsol.com/trademarks. This tutorial model of a comb-drive tuning fork gyroscope is kindly provided by Dr. James Ransley at Veryst Engineering, LLC. The model demonstrates fully parameterized geometry, extensive use of selection features, implementation of analytic formulas for the electromechanical forces and response estimation, and comparison of numerical results with analytical estimations. In particular, extrusion operators are used to compute the distances between electrodes for force calculation. The device is loosely based on Ref. 1.

## Model Definition

The geometry of the device is shown in the figure below. All dimensions and numbers of etch holes and comb fingers are parameterized in the model. Various selection features are used for the construction of the geometry and the setup of position-dependent variables, physics, and mesh.



Figure 1: The geometry of the gyroscope.

The gyroscope is composed of two proof masses supported by springs anchored to the substrate (not explicitly modeled). The comb drive excites the drive mode with the two masses oscillating along the X-axis in opposite directions. The device is designed to sense rotations around the Y-axis. The combination of such rotations and the drive-mode motion causes a Coriolis force in the positive and negative Z directions, which excites the out-of-plane sense-mode oscillation of the two masses. The sense-mode oscillation is picked up capacitively with electrodes in the substrate.

The combs are assumed to be DC-biased at 60 V and AC-excited at 3 V. The sense electrodes are assumed to be DC-biased at 5 V. While a predefined Electromechanics multiphysics coupling is available with the MEMS Module, this model demonstrates the use of analytic formulas for computing the electrostatic forces.

The implementation of the parallel plate capacitor forces in the model is based on the expression for the force per unit area between two parallel plates of infinite extent with a dielectric medium of relative permittivity 1 (air or vacuum) in between:

$$F_A = \frac{\varepsilon_0 V^2}{2d^2} \tag{1}$$

Here,  $\varepsilon_0$  is the permittivity of free space and *d* is the distance between the plates. This work uses this formula locally to approximate the forces between electrodes even when the plates are slightly misaligned, or near the edges of a structure where fringing fields might be important. These approximations make the model much more scalable and eliminate the need to solve for the field explicitly. They can be improved by adding empirically tuned fringing factors, determined by explicit calculations of the capacitance of the device.

The distance between the parallel plates can be determined using extrusion operators with the mesh search method set to "closest point" in the advanced settings. The operators will return the value of a given quantity at the closest point on the source surface, which is chosen to be the opposite plate of the capacitor. To ensure that the Jacobian of the operators is handled correctly, it is necessary to ensure that the dependent variables appear explicitly within the extrusion operators, which is why the coordinates of the moving surfaces are represented as X+u, and so on, in the expressions.

To understand the formulas added to implement the comb drive forces, consider the equation for the total force on any electrostatic actuator by using the equation

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} V^2 \tag{2}$$

where C is the comb capacitance and x is the coordinate along the direction of travel of the comb. For this example, assume that the comb travels parallel to the x-axis; more sophisticated expressions can be employed to capture effects due to comb misalignment. For motion along the x-axis with a displacement of u, the corresponding capacitance per unit height of a comb face is given by

$$C = C_0 + \frac{\varepsilon_0 u}{d} \tag{3}$$

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where  $C_0$  is the comb capacitance at zero displacement. The force per unit length of each vertical edge at the tip of the comb is therefore

$$F_l = \frac{\varepsilon_0 V^2}{2d} \tag{4}$$

As in the case of the parallel plate capacitors, the fidelity of the model can be improved by the calibration of fringing factors based on the accurate computation of the real capacitance of the structure.

Also note that several other techniques were used in the creation of the model. The signs of the forces are handled by assigning variables with different values to different edges or surfaces of the geometry. COMSOL's sophisticated perturbation machinery is used to automatically add AC forces to the model by means of the linper() operator. The model also uses a parameter AC\_on to zero out the perturbation terms for stationary studies so that they do not appear in a misleading fashion in the postprocessing of stationary solutions.

To save time and file size, a relatively coarse mesh is used. Nevertheless, the mesh is parameterized to be ready for refinement studies. In the follow-up model, Manufacturing Variation Effects in a Micromachined Comb-Drive Tuning Fork Rate Gyroscope, the Deformed Geometry feature will be used to study the effects of manufacturing variations,

with the advantage that it keeps the same mesh while varying the geometry, thus avoiding unwanted variations caused by a different mesh being used for a different geometry.

Figure 2: The mesh used in the model.

Figure 3 shows the stationary response of the device. The masses are pulled down slightly by the bias voltage of the sense electrodes. The masses do not move horizontally since the DC part of the comb drive forces for each mass are equal and in opposite directions so they cancel out.



Figure 3: Stationary response of the device.

Figure 4 and Figure 5 show the eigenfrequencies and mode shapes of the in-plane drive mode and the out-of-plane sense mode, respectively.

Eigenfrequency=38262+38.262i Hz Surface: Displacement magnitude (µm)



Figure 4: Drive mode shape.

Eigenfrequency=41125+41.498i Hz Surface: Displacement magnitude (µm)



Figure 5: Sense mode shape.

The drive-mode and sense-mode resonant frequencies can be estimated with analytic formulas from standard textbooks (for example, Ref. 2). This can be done easily in a Parameters table in the model, as detailed in the Modeling Instructions section. The agreement between the numerical and analytic results is good; see Table 1.

|           | Drive mode | Sense mode |
|-----------|------------|------------|
| Numerical | 38 kHz     | 41 kHz     |
| Analytic  | 40 kHz     | 45 kHz     |

TABLE I: NUMERICAL AND ANALYTIC RESULTS OF THE DRIVE-MODE AND SENSE-MODE FREQUENCIES.

Figure 6 shows the drive-mode displacement under the simulated operation. The amplitude can be read off from the color legend.

freq=38262 Hz, AC\_on=1, Omega=100 deg/sDrive mode amplitude (µm)



Figure 6: The drive mode displacement.

Figure 7 shows the sense-mode displacement. Due to the tilt of the masses, the amplitude is either read off the Evaluation 3D table after clicking around the centers of the masses, or evaluated using an average operator, as detailed in the Modeling Instructions section.



freq=38262 Hz, AC\_on=1, Omega=100 deg/s Sense mode amplitude (µm)

Figure 7: The sense-mode displacement.

The drive-mode and sense-mode amplitudes are also estimated with analytic formulas. The agreement between the numerical and analytic results is good; see Table 2.

|           | Drive mode | Sense mode |
|-----------|------------|------------|
| Numerical | 2.4 um     | 0.20 nm    |
| Analytic  | 2.2 um     | 0.21 nm    |

Finally, the sensitivity in terms of the sense capacitance change per rotation rate, in the units of aF/(deg/s), is computed using two alternative methods. Both give the same value of 0.23 aF/(deg/s). The capacitance amplitude at the rotation rate of 100 deg/s is 23 aF.

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## Application Library path: MEMS\_Module/Sensors/

 $\verb|comb_drive_tuning_fork_gyroscope||$ 

## Modeling Instructions

From the File menu, choose New.

#### NEW

In the New window, click 🙆 Model Wizard.

### MODEL WIZARD

- I In the Model Wizard window, click 间 3D.
- 2 In the Select Physics tree, select Structural Mechanics > Solid Mechanics (solid).
- 3 Click Add.
- 4 Click 🔿 Study.
- 5 In the Select Study tree, select General Studies > Stationary.
- 6 Click 🗹 Done.

## GEOMETRY I

The Model Wizard starts the COMSOL Desktop at the **Geometry** node. Take the opportunity to set the length unit to microns for convenience.

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometry I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Geometry, locate the Units section.
- **3** From the **Length unit** list, choose **µm**.

Enter model parameters in separate **Parameters** nodes according to the purposes of the parameters. First the ones for the geometry and mesh:

#### **GLOBAL DEFINITIONS**

## Parameters I - Geometry & Mesh

I In the Model Builder window, under Global Definitions click Parameters I.

2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 1 - Geometry & Mesh in the Label text field.

| Name                     | Expression | Value    | Description                             |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|---|
| l_mass                   | 200[um]    | 2E-4 m   | Mass length                             |
| w_mass                   | l_mass     | 2E-4 m   | Mass width                              |
| y_spring_l               | 350[um]    | 3.5E-4 m | Y spring length                         |
| y_spring_w               | 10[um]     | IE-5 m   | Y spring width                          |
| etch_dim                 | 10[um]     | 1E-5 m   | Etch hole<br>dimension                  |
| n_etch_x                 | 8          | 8        | Number of etch<br>holes, x<br>direction |
| n_etch_y                 | 8          | 8        | Number of etch<br>holes, y<br>direction |
| t_beam                   | 12[um]     | 1.2E-5 m | Structure layer<br>thickness            |
| w_anchor                 | 5[um]      | 5E-6 m   | Anchor width                            |
| tether_x                 | 55[um]     | 5.5E-5 m | Tether beam x-<br>coordinate            |
| x_spring_l               | 150[um]    | I.5E-4 m | X spring length                         |
| x_spring_w               | 4[um]      | 4E-6 m   | X spring width                          |
| tether_1                 | 120[um]    | I.2E-4 m | Tether beam<br>length                   |
| tether_w                 | 8[um]      | 8E-6 m   | Tether beam width                       |
| w_stator_base            | 15[um]     | 1.5E-5 m | Stator base width                       |
| rotor_stator_ov<br>erlap | 40[um]     | 4E-5 m   | Rotor/stator<br>overlap length          |
| l_rotor                  | 50[um]     | 5E-5 m   | Rotor comb length                       |
| w_rotor                  | 8[um]      | 8E-6 m   | Rotor comb width                        |
| n_combs                  | 8          | 8        | Number of combs                         |
| t_anchor                 | 2[um]      | 2E-6 m   | Anchor layer<br>thickness               |
| gap_combs                | 2[um]      | 2E-6 m   | Gap between combs                       |

3 Locate the **Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name            | Expression                                   | Value       | Description  |
|-----------------|--|-------------|--|
| rotor_spacing   | (w_mass-w_rotor*<br>n_combs)/<br>(n_combs+1) | 1.5111E-5 m | Spacing between<br>rotor combs                     |
| w_stator        | rotor_spacing-2*<br>gap_combs                | 1.1111E-5 m | Stator comb width                                  |
| electrode_ratio | 0.9  | 0.9         | Ratio for<br>dimension of<br>sense electrode       |
| delta           | 0.01[um]                                     | I E-8 m     | Small distance for selections                      |
| mesh_factor     | 1  | 1           | Mesh size factor<br>(larger is bigger<br>elements) |

Then create a new **Parameters** node for the physics settings. Note the parameter AC\_on will be used to control the on/off of the AC driving voltage.

## Parameters 2 - Physics

- I In the Home toolbar, click  $P_i$  Parameters and choose Add > Parameters.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 2 Physics in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the **Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name  | Expression | Value   | Description   |
|-------|------------|---------|---|
| Vbase | 5[V]       | 5 V     | Potential difference between mass and sense electrode |
| Vcomb | 60[V]      | 60 V    | Potential difference between comb rotors and stators  |
| Q     | 500        | 500     | Resonator quality factor                              |
| V_ac  | 3[V]       | 3 V     | AC Comb voltage                                       |
| Omega | O[deg/s]   | 0 rad/s | Angular rotation rate                                 |
| AC_on | 0          | 0       | 1 to turn on AC drive, 0 otherwise                    |

Create the geometry. Note how various Selection features are used to label collections of geometric objects to make it easier to set up physics and mesh later. Note how Boolean and Transform operations can inherit the Cumulative selection of their input objects. First build the proof masses.

#### GEOMETRY I

Work Plane I - Mass

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click 📥 Work Plane.
- **2** In the **Settings** window for **Work Plane**, type Work **Plane 1** Mass in the **Label** text field.

Work Plane I - Mass (wp1) > Plane Geometry

In the Model Builder window, click Plane Geometry.

Rectangle I - Mass: +X

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 1 Mass: +X in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type 1\_mass.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type w\_mass.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2.
- 7 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 8 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Mass in the Name text field.
- 9 Click OK.

Rectangle 2 - Footprint of sense electrode

- I Right-click Rectangle I Mass: +X and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 2 Footprint of sense electrode in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type electrode\_ratio\* l\_mass.
- 4 In the Height text field, type electrode\_ratio\*w\_mass.

Point I - For mesh copy

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Point.
- 2 In the Settings window for Point, type Point 1 For mesh copy in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Point section. In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2-electrode\_ratio\*
  1 mass/2.
- 4 In the yw text field, type electrode\_ratio\*w\_mass/5.

**5** Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. From the Contribute to list, choose Mass.

Work Plane 1 - Mass (wp1) > Rectangle 3 (r3)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, locate the Size and Shape section.
- 3 In the Width text field, type etch\_dim.
- 4 In the Height text field, type etch\_dim.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2+w\_mass/2-w\_mass/(n\_etch\_x+1).
- 7 In the yw text field, type 1\_mass/2-1\_mass/(n\_etch\_x+1).
- 8 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 9 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Subtract in the Name text field.10 Click OK.

Work Plane I - Mass (wp1) > Array I (arr1)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Array.
- 2 In the Settings window for Array, locate the Input section.
- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Subtract.
- 4 Locate the Size section. In the xw size text field, type n\_etch\_x.
- 5 In the **yw size** text field, type n\_etch\_y.
- 6 Locate the Displacement section. In the xw text field, type -w\_mass/(n\_etch\_x+1).
- 7 In the yw text field, type -1\_mass/(n\_etch\_x+1).

Work Plane I - Mass (wp1) > Difference I (dif1)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Plane and Partitions and choose Difference.
- 2 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Difference section.
- 3 From the Objects to add list, choose Mass.
- 4 From the Objects to subtract list, choose Subtract.

Work Plane I - Mass (wp1) > Mirror I (mir1)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Mass.

4 Select the Keep input objects checkbox.

#### Extrude I - Mass

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Geometry I and choose Extrude.
- 2 In the Settings window for Extrude, type Extrude 1 Mass in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the **Distances** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

#### Distances (µm)

t\_beam

- **4** Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.
- 5 From the Show in physics list, choose All levels.
- 6 Click 틤 Build Selected.

Then build the anchors.

Work Plane 2 - Anchors

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click 📥 Work Plane.
- 2 In the Settings window for Work Plane, type Work Plane 2 Anchors in the Label text field.

Work Plane 2 - Anchors (wp2) > Plane Geometry

In the Model Builder window, click Plane Geometry.

Rectangle I - Spring Anchor

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 1 Spring Anchor in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type w\_anchor.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type w\_anchor.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the xw text field, type tether\_x.
- 7 In the yw text field, type l\_mass/2+x\_spring\_l+y\_spring\_w/2-y\_spring\_w/2-tether\_l+w\_anchor.
- 8 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 9 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Anchors in the Name text field.

## IO Click OK.

## Rectangle 2 - Stator Anchor

- I Right-click Rectangle I Spring Anchor and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 2 Stator Anchor in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Position section. In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2+w\_mass/2+ w\_stator\_base/2+2\*1\_rotor-rotor\_stator\_overlap.
- 4 In the yw text field, type 1\_mass/2-0.5\*1\_mass/(n\_combs+1).

Work Plane 2 - Anchors (wp2) > Mirror I (mirI)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- **3** From the **Input objects** list, choose **Anchors**.
- 4 Select the Keep input objects checkbox.

#### Rectangle 3 - Stator Anchor 2

- In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) > Geometry I > Work Plane 2 - Anchors (wp2) > Plane Geometry right-click Rectangle 2 -Stator Anchor (r2) and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 3 Stator Anchor 2 in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Position** section. In the **xw** text field, type **0**.

Work Plane 2 - Anchors (wp2) > Mirror 2 (mir2)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- **3** From the **Input objects** list, choose **Anchors**.
- **4** Select the **Keep input objects** checkbox.
- 5 Locate the Normal Vector to Line of Reflection section. In the xw text field, type 0.
- 6 In the **yw** text field, type 1.

#### Extrude 2 - Anchors

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Geometry I and choose Extrude.
- 2 In the Settings window for Extrude, type Extrude 2 Anchors in the Label text field.

3 Locate the **Distances** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

#### Distances (µm)

t\_anchor

- 4 Select the Reverse direction checkbox.
- **5** Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.
- 6 From the Show in physics list, choose All levels.
- 7 Click 틤 Build Selected.

Next build the springs.

Work Plane 3 - Springs

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click 🖶 Work Plane.
- 2 In the Settings window for Work Plane, type Work Plane 3 Springs in the Label text field.

Work Plane 3 - Springs (wp3) > Plane Geometry

In the Model Builder window, click Plane Geometry.

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Rectangle I - Y Spring: +Y
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- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 1 Y Spring: +Y in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type y\_spring\_1+ x\_spring\_w.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type y\_spring\_w.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the yw text field, type l\_mass/2+x\_spring\_l+y\_spring\_w/2.
- 7 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 8 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Mirror Y in the Name text field.
- 9 Click OK.

Rectangle 2 - X Spring: +X +Y

I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.

- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 2 X Spring: +X +Y in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type x\_spring\_w.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type x\_spring\_l+y\_spring\_w.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2.
- 7 In the yw text field, type l\_mass/2+x\_spring\_l/2+y\_spring\_w/2.
- 8 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 9 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Mirror XY in the Name text field.10 Click OK.

Rectangle 3 - Tether: +X +Y

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 3 Tether: +X +Y in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type tether\_w.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type tether\_l+y\_spring\_w.
- 5 Locate the **Position** section. In the **xw** text field, type tether\_x-tether\_w/2.
- 6 In the yw text field, type 1\_mass/2+x\_spring\_l+y\_spring\_w/2-y\_spring\_w/2-tether\_1.
- 7 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. From the Contribute to list, choose Mirror XY.

Work Plane 3 - Springs (wp3) > Mirror 1 (mir1)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Mirror XY.
- **4** Select the **Keep input objects** checkbox.
- 5 Locate the Normal Vector to Line of Reflection section. In the xw text field, type 0.
- 6 In the **yw** text field, type 1.

Work Plane 3 - Springs (wp3) > Mirror 2 (mir2)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.

- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Mirror XY.
- 4 Select the Keep input objects checkbox.

Work Plane 3 - Springs (wp3) > Mirror 3 (mir3)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- **3** From the **Input objects** list, choose **Mirror Y**.
- 4 Locate the Normal Vector to Line of Reflection section. In the xw text field, type 0.
- **5** In the **yw** text field, type **1**.
- 6 Locate the Input section. Select the Keep input objects checkbox.

Extrude 3 - Springs

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Geometry I and choose Extrude.
- 2 In the Settings window for Extrude, type Extrude 3 Springs in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Distances** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

#### Distances (µm)

t\_beam

- **4** Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.
- 5 From the Show in physics list, choose All levels.
- 6 Click 틤 Build Selected.

Then build the rotor combs.

Work Plane 4 - Rotors

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click 📥 Work Plane.
- 2 In the Settings window for Work Plane, type Work Plane 4 Rotors in the Label text field.

Work Plane 4 - Rotors (wp4) > Plane Geometry

In the Model Builder window, click Plane Geometry.

Rectangle I - Ist Comb

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 1 1st Comb in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type 1\_rotor.

- 4 In the **Height** text field, type w\_rotor.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2+w\_mass/2+1\_rotor/2.
- 7 In the yw text field, type w\_mass/2-rotor\_spacing-w\_rotor/2.
- 8 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 9 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Rotors in the Name text field.10 Click OK.

Work Plane 4 - Rotors (wp4) > Array I (arr1)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Array.
- 2 In the Settings window for Array, locate the Input section.
- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Rotors.
- 4 Locate the Size section. From the Array type list, choose Linear.
- 5 In the Size text field, type n\_combs.
- 6 Locate the Displacement section. In the yw text field, type (rotor\_spacing+ w\_rotor).

Work Plane 4 - Rotors (wp4) > Mirror 1 (mir1)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- **3** From the **Input objects** list, choose **Rotors**.
- **4** Select the **Keep input objects** checkbox.
- 5 Locate the Point on Line of Reflection section. In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2.

Work Plane 4 - Rotors (wp4) > Mirror 2 (mir2)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Rotors.
- 4 Select the Keep input objects checkbox.

Extrude 4 - Rotors

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Geometry I and choose Extrude.
- 2 In the Settings window for Extrude, type Extrude 4 Rotors in the Label text field.

3 Locate the **Distances** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

#### Distances (µm)

t\_beam

- **4** Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.
- 5 From the Show in physics list, choose All levels.
- 6 Click 틤 Build Selected.

Next build the stator combs.

Work Plane 5 - Stators

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click 📥 Work Plane.
- 2 In the Settings window for Work Plane, type Work Plane 5 Stators in the Label text field.

Work Plane 5 - Stators (wp5) > Plane Geometry

In the Model Builder window, click Plane Geometry.

Rectangle I - Ist Comb

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 1 1st Comb in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type 1\_rotor.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type w\_stator.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2+w\_mass/2+1\_rotor/2+1\_rotor-rotor\_stator\_overlap.
- 7 In the yw text field, type w\_mass/2-0.5\*rotor\_spacing.
- 8 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 9 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Stators in the Name text field.

IO Click OK.

Work Plane 5 - Stators (wp5) > Array I (arrI)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Array.
- 2 In the Settings window for Array, locate the Input section.

- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Stators.
- 4 Locate the Size section. From the Array type list, choose Linear.
- **5** In the **Size** text field, type n\_combs+1.
- 6 Locate the Displacement section. In the yw text field, type (rotor\_spacing+w\_rotor).

Rectangle 2 - Stator Base

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 2 Stator Base in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type w\_stator\_base.
- **4** In the **Height** text field, type w\_mass-rotor\_spacing+w\_stator.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2+w\_mass/2+w\_stator\_base/2+2\*1\_rotor-rotor\_stator\_overlap.
- 7 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 8 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Stator Base in the Name text field.
- 9 Click OK.

Work Plane 5 - Stators (wp5) > Mirror 1 (mir1)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Stators.
- **4** Select the **Keep input objects** checkbox.
- **5** Locate the **Point on Line of Reflection** section. In the **xw** text field, type **y\_spring\_1**/2.

Work Plane 5 - Stators (wp5) > Mirror 2 (mir2)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Stators.
- **4** Select the **Keep input objects** checkbox.

Work Plane 5 - Stators (wp5) > Mirror 3 (mir3)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.

- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Stator Base.
- 4 Select the Keep input objects checkbox.

#### Rectangle 3 - Stator Base

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 3 Stator Base in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type 2\*(y\_spring\_1/2-1 mass/2-1 rotor-(1 rotor-rotor stator overlap)).
- **4** In the **Height** text field, type w\_mass-rotor\_spacing+w\_stator.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. From the Contribute to list, choose Stator Base.

#### Extrude 5 - Stators

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Geometry I and choose Extrude.
- 2 In the Settings window for Extrude, type Extrude 5 Stators in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the **Distances** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

#### Distances (µm)

t\_beam

- **4** Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.
- 5 From the Show in physics list, choose All levels.
- 6 Click 📄 Build Selected.

Then build the sense electrodes.

Work Plane 6 - Sense Electrodes

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click 📥 Work Plane.
- 2 In the Settings window for Work Plane, type Work Plane 6 Sense Electrodes in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Plane Definition section. In the z-coordinate text field, type -t\_anchor.
- **4** Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Select the **Resulting objects selection** checkbox.

Work Plane 6 - Sense Electrodes (wp6) > Plane Geometry In the Model Builder window, click Plane Geometry.

Rectangle I - Sense electrode

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, type Rectangle 1 Sense electrode in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Width text field, type electrode\_ratio\* 1\_mass.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type electrode\_ratio\*w\_mass.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the xw text field, type y\_spring\_1/2.
- 7 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 8 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Sense electrode in the Name text field.
- 9 Click OK.

Point I - For mesh copy

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click ' Point.
- 2 In the Settings window for Point, type Point 1 For mesh copy in the Label text field.
- 4 In the yw text field, type electrode\_ratio\*w\_mass/5.
- **5** Locate the **Selections of Resulting Entities** section. Find the **Cumulative selection** subsection. From the **Contribute to** list, choose **Sense electrode**.

Work Plane 6 - Sense Electrodes (wp6) > Mirror 1 (mir1)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 💭 Transforms and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, locate the Input section.
- 3 From the Input objects list, choose Sense electrode.
- **4** Select the **Keep input objects** checkbox.

Finally build the symmetry plane for meshing.

#### Work Plane 7 - Symmetry Plane

I In the Model Builder window, right-click Geometry I and choose Work Plane.

- 2 In the Settings window for Work Plane, type Work Plane 7 Symmetry Plane in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Plane Definition section. From the Plane list, choose yz-plane.

Work Plane 7 - Symmetry Plane (wp7) > Plane Geometry In the Model Builder window, click Plane Geometry.

Work Plane 7 - Symmetry Plane (wp7) > Cross Section 1 (cro1)

- I In the Work Plane toolbar, click 🔶 Cross Section.
- **2** In the Settings window for Cross Section, locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section.
- 3 Find the Cumulative selection subsection. Click New.
- 4 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog, type Symmetry Plane in the Name text field.
- 5 Click OK.

#### Form Union (fin)

- I In the Home toolbar, click 🟢 Build All.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) > Geometry I click Form Union (fin).



Now create additional selections to make it easy to set up the physics and mesh. Turn on wireframe rendering to see the selection more easily.

## DEFINITIONS

Box I - Bottom of Beam

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **The Box**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 1 Bottom of Beam in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Box Limits section. In the z minimum text field, type -delta.
- 5 In the **z maximum** text field, type delta.
- 6 Locate the Output Entities section. From the Include entity if list, choose Entity inside box.
- 7 Click the 🔁 Wireframe Rendering button in the Graphics toolbar.

#### Box 2 - Entire Beam Layer

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click here is a second sec
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 2 Entire Beam Layer in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Box Limits section. In the z minimum text field, type t\_beam/2-delta.
- 4 In the z maximum text field, type t\_beam/2+delta.

#### Box 3 - Anchor base

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Box I Bottom of Beam and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 3 Anchor base in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Box Limits section. In the z minimum text field, type -t\_anchor-delta.
- 4 In the **z** maximum text field, type -t\_anchor+delta.

## Intersection I - Lower Electrode

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click intersection.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Intersection**, type Intersection 1 Lower Electrode in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, select Box I Bottom of Beam in the Selections to intersect list.
- 6 Click OK.

- 7 In the Settings window for Intersection, locate the Input Entities section.
- 8 Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.
- 9 In the Add dialog, select Extrude I Mass in the Selections to intersect list.

IO Click OK.

Create selections for the vertical walls of the comb drives.

Box 4 - Comb vertical walls I

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **The Box**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 4 Comb vertical walls 1 in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Level** section. From the **Level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 Locate the **Box Limits** section. In the **x minimum** text field, type y\_spring\_1/2+ w\_mass/2+1\_rotor/2-delta.
- 5 In the x maximum text field, type y\_spring\_1/2+w\_mass/2+1\_rotor/2+delta.
- 6 In the y minimum text field, type -w\_mass/2+delta.
- 7 In the **y maximum** text field, type w\_mass/2-delta.
- 8 In the z minimum text field, type t\_beam/2.
- 9 In the **z maximum** text field, type t\_beam/2+delta.

Box 5 - Comb vertical walls 2

- I Right-click Box 4 Comb vertical walls I and choose Duplicate.
- **2** In the **Settings** window for **Box**, type Box 5 Comb vertical walls 2 in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the Box Limits section. In the x minimum text field, type (y\_spring\_1/2+ w\_mass/2+1\_rotor/2)-delta.
- 4 In the x maximum text field, type (y\_spring\_1/2+w\_mass/2+1\_rotor/2)+delta.

#### Box 6 - Comb vertical walls 3

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Box 4 Comb vertical walls I and choose Duplicate.
- **2** In the **Settings** window for **Box**, type Box 6 Comb vertical walls 3 in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Box Limits** section. In the **x minimum** text field, type y\_spring\_1/2w\_mass/2-1\_rotor/2 -delta.
- 4 In the x maximum text field, type y\_spring\_1/2-w\_mass/2-1\_rotor/2+delta.

#### Box 7 - Comb vertical walls 4

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Box 5 Comb vertical walls 2 and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 7 Comb vertical walls 4 in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the **Box Limits** section. In the **x minimum** text field, type (y\_spring\_1/2-w\_mass/2-1\_rotor/2)-delta.
- 4 In the x maximum text field, type (y\_spring\_1/2-w\_mass/2-1\_rotor/2)+delta.

Union I - Comb Vertical Walls

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **H Union**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Union 1 Comb Vertical Walls in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to add list, choose Box 4 Comb vertical walls 1, Box 5 Comb vertical walls 2, Box 6 Comb vertical walls 3, and Box 7 Comb vertical walls 4.
- 6 Click OK.

Intersection 2 - Stator Vertical Walls

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Intersection**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Intersection, type Intersection 2 Stator Vertical Walls in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- **4** Locate the **Input Entities** section. Under **Selections to intersect**, click + **Add**.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to intersect list, choose Union 1 Comb Vertical Walls and Extrude 5 - Stators.
- 6 Click OK.

Create selections for the end edges of the comb drives.

Box 8 - Rotor tip edge 1

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Box 4 Comb vertical walls I and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 8 Rotor tip edge 1 in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Edge.

- 4 Locate the Box Limits section. In the x minimum text field, type y spring 1/2+ w mass/2+1 rotor-delta.
- 5 In the **x maximum** text field, type **y** spring 1/2+w mass/2+1 rotor+delta.

Box 9 - Rotor tip edge 2

- I Right-click Box 8 Rotor tip edge I and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 9 Rotor tip edge 2 in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Box Limits** section. In the **x minimum** text field, type (y spring 1/2+ w mass/2+l rotor)-delta.
- 4 In the **x maximum** text field, type (y spring 1/2+w mass/2+l rotor)+delta.

Box 10 - Rotor tip edge 3

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Box 8 Rotor tip edge I and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 10 Rotor tip edge 3 in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Box Limits** section. In the **x minimum** text field, type **y** spring 1/2w mass/2-l rotor -delta.
- 4 In the x maximum text field, type y spring 1/2-w mass/2-1 rotor+delta.

Box 11 - Rotor tip edge 4

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Box 9 Rotor tip edge 2 and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 11 Rotor tip edge 4 in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Box Limits section. In the x minimum text field, type (y spring 1/2w\_mass/2-l\_rotor)-delta.
- **4** In the **x maximum** text field, type (**y** spring 1/2-w mass/2-1 rotor)+delta.

- Union 2 Rotor Tip Edges +X DC I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Union 2 Rotor Tip Edges +X DC in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Edge.
- **4** Locate the **Input Entities** section. Under **Selections to add**, click + **Add**.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to add list, choose Box 8 Rotor tip edge I and Box II - Rotor tip edge 4.
- 6 Click OK.

Union 3 - Rotor Tip Edges -X DC

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click 📑 **Union**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Union 3 Rotor Tip Edges -X DC in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Edge.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to add list, choose Box 9 Rotor tip edge 2 and Box 10 - Rotor tip edge 3.
- 6 Click OK.

- Union 4 Rotor Tip Edges +X AC I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Union 4 Rotor Tip Edges +X AC in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Edge.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to add list, choose Box 8 Rotor tip edge I and Box 9 - Rotor tip edge 2.
- 6 Click OK.

Union 5 - Rotor Tip Edges -X AC

- I In the Definitions toolbar, click 📑 Union.
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Union 5 Rotor Tip Edges -X AC in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Edge.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to add list, choose Box 10 Rotor tip edge 3 and Box II - Rotor tip edge 4.
- 6 Click OK.

Union 6 - Rotor Tip Edges

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click 🛗 **Union**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Union 6 Rotor Tip Edges in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Level** section. From the **Level** list, choose **Edge**.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.

- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to add list, choose Union 2 Rotor Tip Edges +X DC and Union 3 Rotor Tip Edges -X DC.
- 6 Click OK.

Create selections for meshing.

Box 13 - x > 0 Beam base

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **The Box**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 13 x > 0 Beam base in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Level** section. From the **Level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 Locate the **Box Limits** section. In the **x minimum** text field, type -delta.
- **5** In the **z minimum** text field, type -delta.
- 6 In the **z maximum** text field, type delta.
- 7 Locate the Output Entities section. From the Include entity if list, choose Entity inside box.

Box 14 - x < 0 Beam base

- I Right-click **Box 13 x > 0 Beam base** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 14 x < 0 Beam base in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Box Limits section. In the x minimum text field, type Inf.
- 4 In the **x maximum** text field, type delta.

Box 15 - x > 0 Spring Anchor

- I Right-click **Box 14 x < 0 Beam base** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 15 x > 0 Spring Anchor in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the **Box Limits** section. In the **x minimum** text field, type -delta+tether\_xw\_anchor/2.
- 4 In the **x maximum** text field, type delta+tether\_x+w\_anchor/2.

Box 16 - x < 0 Spring Anchor

- I Right-click Box 15 x > 0 Spring Anchor and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 16 x < 0 Spring Anchor in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the **Box Limits** section. In the **x minimum** text field, type -delta-tether\_x-w\_anchor/2.
- **4** In the **x maximum** text field, type delta-tether\_x+w\_anchor/2.

Intersection 3 - Quad Mesh - Springs Construction

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click is Intersection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Intersection, type Intersection 3 Quad Mesh -Springs Construction in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Level** section. From the **Level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to intersect list, choose Box 13 x > 0 Beam base and Extrude 3 - Springs.
- 6 Click OK.

Intersection 4 - Quad Mesh - Springs Construction copy

- 2 In the Settings window for Intersection, type Intersection 4 Quad Mesh -Springs Construction copy in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to intersect list, choose Box 14 x < 0 Beam base and Extrude 3 - Springs.
- 6 Click OK.

Intersection 5 - Mapped Mesh - Anchors

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click 📑 **Intersection**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Intersection, type Intersection 5 Mapped Mesh -Anchors in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Level** section. From the **Level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to intersect list, choose Box 15 x > 0 Spring Anchor and Extrude 2 - Anchors.
- 6 Click OK.

Intersection 6 - Mapped Mesh - Anchors copy

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click
- 2 In the Settings window for Intersection, type Intersection 6 Mapped Mesh -Anchors copy in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.

- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to intersect list, choose Box 16 x < 0 Spring Anchor and Extrude 2 - Anchors.
- 6 Click OK.

Intersection 7 - Triangular Mesh - Mass

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click 📑 **Intersection**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Intersection, type Intersection 7 Triangular Mesh -Mass in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Level** section. From the **Level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to intersect list, choose Box 13 x > 0 Beam base and Extrude I - Mass.
- 6 Click OK.

## Intersection 8 - Triangular Mesh - Mass copy

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click in Intersection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Intersection, type Intersection 8 Triangular Mesh -Mass copy in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Level** section. From the **Level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to intersect list, choose Box 14 x < 0 Beam base and Extrude I - Mass.
- 6 Click OK.

- Difference 1 Quad Mesh Springs I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click
- 2 In the Settings window for Difference, type Difference 1 Quad Mesh Springs in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, select Intersection 3 Quad Mesh Springs Construction in the Selections to add list.
- 6 Click OK.
- 7 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Input Entities section.
- 8 Under Selections to subtract, click + Add.

- 9 In the Add dialog, select Intersection 5 Mapped Mesh Anchors in the Selections to subtract list.
- IO Click OK.

- Difference 2 Quad Mesh Springs copy I In the Definitions toolbar, click i Difference.
- 2 In the Settings window for Difference, type Difference 2 Quad Mesh Springs copy in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, select Intersection 4 Quad Mesh Springs Construction copy in the Selections to add list.
- 6 Click OK.
- 7 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Input Entities section.
- 8 Under Selections to subtract, click + Add.
- 9 In the Add dialog, select Intersection 6 Mapped Mesh Anchors copy in the Selections to subtract list.
- IO Click OK.

Difference 3 - Quad Mesh -Stator & Comb

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Difference**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Difference, type Difference 3 Quad Mesh -Stator & Comb in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, select Box 13 x > 0 Beam base in the Selections to add list.
- 6 Click OK.
- 7 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Input Entities section.
- 8 Under Selections to subtract, click + Add.
- 9 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to subtract list, choose Box 15 x > 0 Spring Anchor, Extrude I - Mass, Extrude 3 - Springs, and Work Plane 6 - Sense Electrodes.
- IO Click OK.

Difference 4 - Quad Mesh -Stator & Comb copy I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Difference**.

- 2 In the Settings window for Difference, type Difference 4 Quad Mesh -Stator & Comb copy in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, select Box 14 x < 0 Beam base in the Selections to add list.
- 6 Click OK.
- 7 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Input Entities section.
- 8 Under Selections to subtract, click + Add.
- 9 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to subtract list, choose Box 16 x < 0 Spring Anchor, Extrude 1 Mass, Extrude 3 Springs, and Work Plane 6 Sense Electrodes.</li>

IO Click OK.

Box 17 - x > 0 Anchor base

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **The Box**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 17 x > 0 Anchor base in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- **4** Locate the **Box Limits** section. In the **x minimum** text field, type -delta.
- 5 In the z minimum text field, type -delta-t\_anchor.
- 6 In the **z maximum** text field, type delta-t\_anchor.
- 7 Locate the Output Entities section. From the Include entity if list, choose Entity inside box.

#### Box 18 - x < 0 Anchor base

- I Right-click Box 17 x > 0 Anchor base and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 18 x < 0 Anchor base in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Box Limits section. In the x minimum text field, type Inf.
- 4 In the **x maximum** text field, type delta.

Intersection 9 - Triangular Mesh - Sense Electrode

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click  $\square$  Intersection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Intersection, type Intersection 9 Triangular Mesh -Sense Electrode in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.

- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to intersect list, choose Box 17 x > 0 Anchor base and Work Plane 6 - Sense Electrodes.
- 6 Click OK.

## Intersection 10 - Triangular Mesh - Sense Electrode copy

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Intersection**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Intersection, type Intersection 10 Triangular Mesh - Sense Electrode copy in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to intersect, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to intersect list, choose Box 18 x < 0 Anchor base and Work Plane 6 - Sense Electrodes.
- 6 Click OK.

Finally create selection for the effective regions of the lower electrodes.

Box 19 - x > 0 Lower electrode effective region

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **The Box**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 19 x > 0 Lower electrode effective region in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Box Limits section. In the x minimum text field, type -delta+y\_spring\_1/ 2-electrode\_ratio\*1\_mass/2.
- 5 In the x maximum text field, type delta+y\_spring\_1/2+electrode\_ratio\*1\_mass/ 2.
- 6 In the y minimum text field, type -delta-electrode\_ratio\*w\_mass/2.
- 7 In the **y maximum** text field, type delta+electrode\_ratio\*w\_mass/2.
- 8 In the z minimum text field, type -delta.
- 9 In the z maximum text field, type delta.
- **IO** Locate the **Output Entities** section. From the **Include entity if** list, choose **Entity inside box**.

Box 20 - x < 0 Lower electrode effective region

I Right-click Box 19 - x > 0 Lower electrode effective region and choose Duplicate.

- 2 In the Settings window for Box, type Box 20 x < 0 Lower electrode effective region in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Box Limits section. In the x minimum text field, type -delta-y\_spring\_1/ 2-electrode\_ratio\*1\_mass/2.
- 4 In the x maximum text field, type delta-y\_spring\_1/2+electrode\_ratio\*1\_mass/ 2.

Union 7 - Lower electrode effective region

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click  **Union**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Union 7 Lower electrode effective region in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog, in the Selections to add list, choose Box 19 x >
  0 Lower electrode effective region and Box 20 x < 0 Lower electrode effective region.</li>
- 6 Click OK.

While a predefined, fully-coupled Electromechanics multiphysics is available, in this model we demonstrate the use of analytic formulas for computing the electrostatic forces. Create extrusion and integration operators to be used in the analytic formulas.

7 In the Model Builder window, collapse the Component 1 (comp1) > Definitions > Selections node.

General Extrusion 1 - Stator Walls

- I In the Definitions toolbar, click 🥖 Nonlocal Couplings and choose General Extrusion.
- 2 In the Settings window for General Extrusion, type General Extrusion 1 Stator Walls in the Label text field.
- 3 In the **Operator name** text field, type genextcmb.
- 4 Locate the Source Selection section. From the Geometric entity level list, choose Boundary.
- 5 From the Selection list, choose Intersection 2 Stator Vertical Walls.
- 6 Locate the Source section. Select the Use source map checkbox.
- 7 Click to expand the Advanced section. From the Mesh search method list, choose Closest point.

This extrusion operator will be used to compute the distance between the tips of the rotors to the vertical walls of the stators as part of the comb-drive force and capacitance calculation.

## General Extrusion 2 - Sense Electrodes

- I Right-click General Extrusion I Stator Walls and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for General Extrusion, type General Extrusion 2 Sense Electrodes in the Label text field.
- **3** In the **Operator name** text field, type genextpp.
- 4 Locate the Source Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Work Plane 6 Sense Electrodes.

This extrusion operator will be used to compute the distance between the sense electrodes to the bottom surfaces of the proof masses as part of the parallel-plate force and capacitance calculation.

## Integration 1 - Lower Electrodes

- I In the Definitions toolbar, click 🖉 Nonlocal Couplings and choose Integration.
- **2** In the **Settings** window for **Integration**, type Integration 1 Lower Electrodes in the **Label** text field.
- **3** In the **Operator name** text field, type **intoppp**.
- 4 Locate the Source Selection section. From the Geometric entity level list, choose Boundary.
- 5 From the Selection list, choose Union 7 Lower electrode effective region.

## Integration 2 - Comb Edges

- I In the Definitions toolbar, click *N*onlocal Couplings and choose Integration.
- **2** In the **Settings** window for **Integration**, type **Integration 2 Comb Edges** in the **Label** text field.
- 3 In the **Operator name** text field, type intopcmb.
- **4** Locate the **Source Selection** section. From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Edge**.
- 5 From the Selection list, choose Union 6 Rotor Tip Edges.

Now we are ready to enter the analytic formulas and other useful variables, first for the sense electrodes. Note how the extrusion operator is used to compute the gap distance between the parallel plate electrodes. Also a spatially dependent variable, sign, is created to provide the correct phase factor for the estimation of the sense mode amplitude (to be performed during postprocessing). The formula for the force on the parallel plate capacitor can be found in standard textbooks such as Ref. 2 (Chapter 15).

## Variables I - Sense Capacitor

I In the Model Builder window, right-click Definitions and choose Variables.

- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, type Variables 1 Sense Capacitor in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section. From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 From the Selection list, choose Union 7 Lower electrode effective region.
- 5 Locate the Variables section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name   | Expression                            | Unit             | Description                               |
|--------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| dpp_x  | genextpp(X)-(X+u)                     | m                | Vector from lower<br>electrode, x         |
| dpp_y  | <pre>genextpp(Y)-(Y+v)</pre>          | m                | Vector from lower<br>electrode, y         |
| dpp_z  | <pre>genextpp(Z)-(Z+w)</pre>          | m                | Vector from lower<br>electrode, z         |
| dpp_sq | dpp_x^2+dpp_y^2+dpp_z^2               | m²               | Square of parallel<br>plate distance      |
| F_A    | 0.5*epsilon0_const*<br>Vbase^2/dpp_sq | Pa               | Force per unit area of electrode          |
| C_A    | epsilon0_const/<br>sqrt(dpp_sq)       | F/m <sup>2</sup> | Capacitance per unit<br>area of electrode |

Variables 2 - Sense Capacitor + sign AC

- I Right-click **Definitions** and choose **Variables**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, type Variables 2 Sense Capacitor + sign AC in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section. From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 From the Selection list, choose Box 20 x < 0 Lower electrode effective region.
- **5** Locate the **Variables** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Unit | Description                |
|------|------------|------|----------------------------|
| sign | 1          |      | Sign of capacitance change |

Variables 3 - Sense Capacitor - sign AC

- I Right-click Variables 2 Sense Capacitor + sign AC and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, type Variables 3 Sense Capacitor sign AC in the Label text field.

## 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Box 19 - x > 0 Lower electrode effective region.

4 Locate the Variables section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Unit | Description                |
|------|------------|------|----------------------------|
| sign | -1         |      | Sign of capacitance change |

Then for the comb drives. Here since the force directions of the combs are different between the DC bias and the AC drive, two spatially dependent variables, sign and AC, are used to provide correct directions and phase factors. The linper operator is used to delineate the AC part of the drive voltage V\_ac. In addition, the parameter AC\_on is used to turn the AC drive on or off. The formula for the comb drive force can be found in standard textbooks such as Ref. 2 (Chapter 15). The formula gives the overall force from energy arguments. This overall force can be divided up into separate contributions in different parts of the model in various ways. In this model we choose to divide the overall force into edge loads at the tips of the rotors. Note how the extrusion operator is used to compute the distance between the edges and the vertical walls of the stators as part of the force calculation.

## Variables 4 - Comb Drives

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Definitions and choose Variables.
- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, type Variables 4 Comb Drives in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section. From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Edge**.
- 4 From the Selection list, choose Union 6 Rotor Tip Edges.
- 5 Locate the Variables section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name   | Expression           | Unit | Description                          |
|--------|----------------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| dcmb_x | genextcmb(X+u)-(X+u) | m    | Vector from<br>rotor comb<br>edge, x |
| dcmb_y | genextcmb(Y+v)-(Y+v) | m    | Vector from<br>rotor comb<br>edge, y |
| dcmb_z | genextcmb(Z+w)-(Z+w) | m    | Vector from<br>rotor comb<br>edge, z |

| Name | Expression  | Unit | Description                              |
|------|---|------|--|
| dcmb | <pre>sqrt(dcmb_x^2+dcmb_y^2+dcmb_z^2)</pre>         | m    | Parallel<br>plate<br>distance            |
| Vtot | <pre>Vcomb+AC_on*AC*linper(V_ac)</pre>              |      | Total<br>voltage                         |
| F_1  | <pre>sign*0.5*epsilon0_const*Vtot^2/ dcmb</pre>     |      | Force per<br>unit length<br>of edge      |
| C_1  | <pre>linpoint(epsilon0_const/dcmb)*u* sign*AC</pre> |      | Capacitance<br>change per<br>unit length |

Variables 5 - Comb Drives + sign DC

- I Right-click **Definitions** and choose **Variables**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, type Variables 5 Comb Drives + sign DC in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section. From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Edge**.
- 4 From the Selection list, choose Union 2 Rotor Tip Edges +X DC.
- **5** Locate the **Variables** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Unit | Description              |
|------|------------|------|--------------------------|
| sign | 1          |      | Sign of comb drive force |

Variables 6 - Comb Drives - sign DC

- I Right-click Variables 5 Comb Drives + sign DC and choose Duplicate.
- **2** In the **Settings** window for **Variables**, type Variables 6 Comb Drives sign DC in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Union 3 -Rotor Tip Edges -X DC.
- **4** Locate the **Variables** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Unit | Description              |
|------|------------|------|--------------------------|
| sign | - 1        |      | Sign of comb drive force |

Variables 7 - Comb Drives + sign AC

I In the Model Builder window, right-click Definitions and choose Variables.

- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, type Variables 7 Comb Drives + sign AC in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section. From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Edge**.
- 4 From the Selection list, choose Union 4 Rotor Tip Edges +X AC.
- 5 Locate the Variables section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Unit | Description             |
|------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| AC   | 1          |      | Sign of AC comb voltage |

Variables 8 - Comb Drives - sign AC

- I Right-click Variables 7 Comb Drives + sign AC and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, type Variables 8 Comb Drives sign AC in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Union 5 -Rotor Tip Edges -X AC.
- 4 Locate the Variables section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Unit | Description             |
|------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| AC   | - 1        |      | Sign of AC comb voltage |

Now add the Polycrystalline Silicon material from the library.

#### ADD MATERIAL

- I In the Home toolbar, click 🙀 Add Material to open the Add Material window.
- 2 Go to the Add Material window.
- 3 In the tree, select MEMS > Semiconductors > Si Polycrystalline silicon.
- 4 Click the Add to Component button in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click 🙀 Add Material to close the Add Material window.

Configure the physics settings. Use the previously defined variables for the electrostatic forces. Turn on the **Coriolis Force** option.

#### SOLID MECHANICS (SOLID)

Damping I

- I In the Physics toolbar, click 📃 Attributes and choose Damping.
- 2 In the Settings window for Damping, locate the Damping Settings section.

- 3 From the Damping type list, choose Isotropic loss factor.
- **4** From the  $\eta_s$  list, choose **User defined**. In the associated text field, type 1/Q.

#### Fixed Constraint 1

- I In the Physics toolbar, click 🔚 Boundaries and choose Fixed Constraint.
- 2 In the Settings window for Fixed Constraint, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Box 3 Anchor base.

#### Boundary Load 1 - Sense Electrodes

- I In the Physics toolbar, click 🔚 Boundaries and choose Boundary Load.
- 2 In the Settings window for Boundary Load, type Boundary Load 1 Sense Electrodes in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Boundary Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Union 7 -Lower electrode effective region.
- 4 Locate the Force section. Specify the  $f_A$  vector as

## -F\_A z

## Edge Load I - Comb Drives

- I In the Physics toolbar, click 🔚 Edges and choose Edge Load.
- 2 In the Settings window for Edge Load, type Edge Load 1 Comb Drives in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Edge Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Union 6 -Rotor Tip Edges.
- 4 Locate the Force section. Specify the  $f_L$  vector as

## F\_l x

Rotating Frame 1

- I In the Physics toolbar, click 🔚 Domains and choose Rotating Frame.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rotating Frame, locate the Rotating Frame section.
- 3 From the Axis of rotation list, choose y-axis.
- **4** In the  $\Omega$  text field, type Omega.
- 5 Locate the Frame Acceleration Effect section. Select the Coriolis force checkbox.

Set up the mesh. To save time and file size, a somewhat coarse mesh is used. Nevertheless the mesh is parameterized to be ready for refinement studies. In the followup model, the **Deformed Geometry** feature will be used to study the effects of manufacturing tolerances,

with the advantage that it keeps the same mesh while varying the geometry, thus avoiding unwanted variations caused by a different mesh being used for a different geometry.

## MESH I

#### Mapped I

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click  $\bigwedge$  More Generators and choose Mapped.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mapped, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Box 15 x > 0 Spring Anchor.

#### Size I

- I Right-click Mapped I and choose Size.
- 2 In the Settings window for Size, locate the Element Size section.
- 3 Click the **Custom** button.
- 4 Locate the Element Size Parameters section.
- 5 Select the Maximum element size checkbox. In the associated text field, type mesh\_factor\*x\_spring\_w/2.
- 6 Select the Minimum element size checkbox. In the associated text field, type mesh\_factor\*x\_spring\_w/10.

#### Size

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) > Mesh I click Size.
- 2 In the Settings window for Size, locate the Element Size section.
- 3 Click the **Custom** button.
- 4 Locate the **Element Size Parameters** section. In the **Maximum element size** text field, type mesh\_factor\*tether\_w/3.
- 5 In the Minimum element size text field, type mesh\_factor\*tether\_w/30.
- 6 In the Maximum element growth rate text field, type 1.1+mesh\_factor\*0.2.

#### Copy Face 1

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click in Copy and choose Copy Face.
- 2 In the Settings window for Copy Face, locate the Source Boundaries section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Box 15 x > 0 Spring Anchor.
- 4 Locate the Destination Boundaries section. From the Selection list, choose Box 16 x < 0 Spring Anchor.</li>

Free Quad 1

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click  $\bigwedge$  More Generators and choose Free Quad.
- 2 In the Settings window for Free Quad, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Difference I Quad Mesh Springs.

#### Size 1

- I Right-click Free Quad I and choose Size.
- 2 In the Settings window for Size, locate the Geometric Entity Selection section.
- 3 Click Clear Selection.
- 4 Select Boundaries 945 and 950 only.
- 5 Locate the Element Size section. Click the Custom button.
- 6 Locate the Element Size Parameters section.
- 7 Select the Maximum element size checkbox. In the associated text field, type mesh\_factor\*x\_spring\_w/3.
- 8 Select the Minimum element size checkbox. In the associated text field, type mesh\_factor\*x\_spring\_w/30.

#### Copy Face 2

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click in Copy and choose Copy Face.
- 2 In the Settings window for Copy Face, locate the Source Boundaries section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Difference I Quad Mesh Springs.
- 4 Locate the Destination Boundaries section. From the Selection list, choose Difference 2 Quad Mesh Springs copy.
- 5 Click 📄 Build Selected.

#### Size 1

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Size and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Size, locate the Element Size Parameters section.
- 3 In the Maximum element size text field, type mesh\_factor\*w\_rotor/2.
- 4 In the Minimum element size text field, type mesh\_factor\*w\_rotor/20.

#### Free Quad 2

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click  $\bigwedge$  More Generators and choose Free Quad.
- 2 In the Settings window for Free Quad, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Difference 3 Quad Mesh -Stator & Comb.

Copy Face 3

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click i Copy and choose Copy Face.
- 2 In the Settings window for Copy Face, locate the Source Boundaries section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Difference 3 Quad Mesh -Stator & Comb.
- 4 Locate the Destination Boundaries section. From the Selection list, choose Difference 4 Quad Mesh -Stator & Comb copy.
- 5 Click 🖷 Build Selected.

Size 2

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) > Mesh I right-click Size I and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Size, locate the Element Size Parameters section.
- **3** In the **Maximum element size** text field, type mesh\_factor\*w\_rotor.
- **4** In the **Minimum element size** text field, type mesh\_factor\*w\_rotor/10.

#### Free Triangular 1

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click  $\bigwedge$  More Generators and choose Free Triangular.
- 2 In the Settings window for Free Triangular, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Intersection 7 Triangular Mesh Mass.

#### Copy Face 4

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click 🚺 Copy and choose Copy Face.
- 2 In the Settings window for Copy Face, locate the Source Boundaries section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Intersection 7 Triangular Mesh Mass.
- 4 Locate the Destination Boundaries section. From the Selection list, choose Intersection 8 -Triangular Mesh - Mass copy.

#### Free Triangular 2

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click  $\bigwedge$  More Generators and choose Free Triangular.
- 2 In the Settings window for Free Triangular, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Intersection 9 Triangular Mesh Sense Electrode.

#### Copy Face 5

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click Dopy and choose Copy Face.
- 2 In the Settings window for Copy Face, locate the Source Boundaries section.
- **3** From the Selection list, choose Intersection **9** Triangular Mesh Sense Electrode.

4 Locate the Destination Boundaries section. From the Selection list, choose Intersection 10 - Triangular Mesh - Sense Electrode copy.

#### Swept 1

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click A Swept.
- 2 In the Settings window for Swept, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Geometric entity level list, choose Domain.
- 4 From the Selection list, choose Box 2 Entire Beam Layer.

#### Distribution I

- I Right-click Swept I and choose Distribution.
- 2 In the Settings window for Distribution, locate the Distribution section.
- 3 In the Number of elements text field, type max(1,floor(3/mesh\_factor)).

#### Swept 2

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click 🆓 Swept.
- 2 In the Settings window for Swept, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Geometric entity level list, choose Domain.
- 4 From the Selection list, choose Extrude 2 Anchors.

#### Distribution I

- I Right-click Swept 2 and choose Distribution.
- 2 In the Settings window for Distribution, locate the Distribution section.
- 3 In the Number of elements text field, type max(1,floor(3/mesh\_factor)).



Perform the stationary study.

## STUDY I - STATIONARY

- I In the Model Builder window, click Study I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Study, type Study 1 Stationary in the Label text field.
- **3** In the **Study** toolbar, click **= Compute**.

#### RESULTS

Stress (solid)



The plot shows that the masses are pulled down slightly by the bias voltage of the sense electrodes. The masses do not move horizontally since the DC part of the comb drive forces for each mass are equal and in opposite directions so they cancel out.

Next perform a prestressed eigenfrequency study to find the drive and sense mode frequencies.

## ADD STUDY

- I In the Home toolbar, click  $\sim\sim$  Add Study to open the Add Study window.
- 2 Go to the Add Study window.
- 3 Find the Studies subsection. In the Select Study tree, select

## Preset Studies for Selected Physics Interfaces > Eigenfrequency, Prestressed.

- 4 Click the Add Study button in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click  $\stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow}$  Add Study to close the Add Study window.

## STUDY 2 - PRESTRESSED EIGENFREQUENCY

In the **Settings** window for **Study**, type **Study 2** - **Prestressed Eigenfrequency** in the **Label** text field.

## Step 2: Eigenfrequency

- I In the Model Builder window, under Study 2 Prestressed Eigenfrequency click Step 2: Eigenfrequency.
- 2 In the Settings window for Eigenfrequency, locate the Study Settings section.
- 3 Select the Desired number of eigenfrequencies checkbox. In the associated text field, type3.
- 4 In the Search for eigenfrequencies around shift text field, type 38000[Hz].
- 5 From the Search method around shift list, choose Larger real part.
- 6 In the Study toolbar, click **=** Compute.

## RESULTS

Mode Shape (solid)

Eigenfrequency=38262+38.262i Hz Surface: Displacement magnitude (µm)



The plot shows the drive mode, ...

## I In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, click → Plot Next.

Eigenfrequency=41125+41.498i Hz Surface: Displacement magnitude (µm)



... and the sense mode.

Before continuing to the next study, we use analytic formulas to estimate the drive and sense mode frequencies, to compare with the numerical result. The global parameter table serves well for this kind of back-of-the-envelope calculations. In particular, the capability of including units in the calculation helps detect mistakes. First compute the drive mode. The total mass of the resonator is calculated straightforwardly. The spring constants of each segment of the spring for the drive mode is estimated using standard formulas in textbooks such as Ref. 2 (section 4.3 Spring design equations). From the mode shape of the drive mode, the formula for guided beams is used.

## GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

#### Parameters 3 - Estimate drive mode frequency

- I In the Home toolbar, click  $P_i$  Parameters and choose Add > Parameters.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 3 Estimate drive mode frequency in the Label text field.

| Name        | Expression  | Value                  | Description   |
|-------------|---|------------------------|---|
| rho0        | 2320[kg/m^3]  | 2320 kg/m³             | Density   |
| mO          | <pre>rho0*t_beam*2* (2*n_combs* 1_rotor*w_rotor+ 1_mass*w_mass- n_etch_x* n_etch_y* etch_dim^2)</pre> | 2.2272E-9 kg           | Total mass  |
| EO          | 160e9[Pa]   | I.6EII Pa              | Young's modulus   |
| 10          | t_beam*<br>x_spring_w^3/12  | 6.4E-23 m <sup>4</sup> | Area moment of<br>inertia for X<br>spring in-plane<br>bending |
| k0          | 4*12*E0*I0/<br>x_spring_1^3   | 145.64 N/m             | Spring constant<br>for X spring in-<br>plane bending          |
| I1          | t_beam*<br>y_spring_w^3/12  | IE-21 m <sup>4</sup>   | Area moment of<br>inertia for Y<br>spring in-plane<br>bending |
| y_spring_13 | y_spring_1/2-<br>tether_x   | 1.2E-4 m               | Length of Y spring<br>between tether<br>and X spring          |
| k1          | 4*12*E0*I1/<br>y_spring_13^3  | 4444.4 N/m             | Spring constant<br>for Y spring in-<br>plane bending          |
| k_tot       | 1/(1/k0+1/k1)   | 141.01 N/m             | Total spring<br>constant for in-<br>plane bending             |
| f0          | sqrt(k_tot/mO)/<br>2/pi   | 40047 I/s              | Estimated drive mode frequency                                |

3 Locate the **Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

The estimated drive mode frequency of 40 kHz is not too far away from the computed value of 38 kHz. Next the sense mode, which involves both bending and twisting of the springs. Therefore the formulas for both guided beams and torsional springs are used in the estimation.

Parameters 4 - Estimate sense mode frequency

I In the Home toolbar, click  $P_i$  Parameters and choose Add > Parameters.

2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 4 - Estimate sense mode frequency in the Label text field.

| Name   | Expression  | Value                    | Description  |
|--------|---|--------------------------|--|
| 12     | t_beam^3*<br>x_spring_w/12  | 5.76E-22 m <sup>4</sup>  | Area moment of<br>inertia for X spring<br>out-of-plane<br>bending    |
| k2     | 4*12*E0*I2/<br>x_spring_l^3   | 1310.7 N/m               | Spring constant for<br>X spring out-of-<br>plane bending             |
| 13     | t_beam^3*<br>y_spring_w/12  | 1.44E-21 m <sup>4</sup>  | Area moment of<br>inertia for Y spring<br>out-of-plane<br>bending    |
| k3     | 4*12*E0*I3/<br>y_spring_l3^3  | 6400 N/m                 | Spring constant for<br>Y spring out-of-<br>plane bending             |
| 14     | t_beam^3*tether_w/<br>12  | 1.152E-21 m <sup>4</sup> | Area moment of<br>inertia for tether<br>beam out-of-plane<br>bending |
| k4     | 4*12*E0*I4/<br>tether_l^3   | 5120 N/m                 | Spring constant for<br>tether beam out-of-<br>plane bending          |
| GO     | 80[GPa]   | 8E10 Pa                  | Shear modulus  |
| k_th   | GO*t_beam*<br>tether_w^3/<br>tether_l*(1/3-<br>0.21*tether_w/<br>t_beam*(1-<br>((tether_w/<br>t_beam)^4)/12)) | 8.0133E-7 J              | Torsional spring<br>constant of tether<br>beam                       |
| k5     | 4*k_th/<br>y_spring_l3^2  | 222.59 J/m <sup>2</sup>  | Spring constant<br>from torsion of<br>tether beams                   |
| k_tot2 | 1/(1/k2+1/k3+1/k4+<br>1/k5)   | 178.35 N/m               | Total spring<br>constant for out-<br>of-plane bending                |
| f1     | sqrt(k_tot2/m0)/2/<br>pi  | 45038 1/s                | Estimated sense<br>mode frequency                                    |

3 Locate the **Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

The estimated sense mode frequency of 45 kHz is also not too far away from the computed value of 41 kHz, especially given the complicated bending and twisting configuration of the sense mode. Now we perform a prestressed frequency domain

study to calculate the drive mode AC amplitude and the sense mode AC signal as a function of the rotation speed. First enter the drive mode frequency from the previous study result into the parameter table.

#### Parameters 5 - Result from Study 2

- I In the Home toolbar, click  $P_i$  Parameters and choose Add > Parameters.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 5 Result from Study 2 in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Parameters section. In the table, enter the following settings:

| Name | Expression | Value    | Description   |
|------|------------|----------|---|
| fd   | 38262[Hz]  | 38262 Hz | Drive frequency (from computed drive-mode eigenfrequency) |

Then set up the prestressed frequency domain study. Note how the parameter AC\_on is used to turn on the AC drive in the second study step (Frequency Domain Perturbation).

## ADD STUDY

- I In the Home toolbar, click  $\stackrel{\sim}{\sim}$  Add Study to open the Add Study window.
- 2 Go to the Add Study window.
- 3 Find the Studies subsection. In the Select Study tree, select Preset Studies for Selected Physics Interfaces > Frequency Domain, Prestressed.
- 4 Click the Add Study button in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click  $\sim_1^{\circ}$  Add Study to close the Add Study window.

## STUDY 3 - PRESTRESSED FREQUENCY DOMAIN

In the **Settings** window for **Study**, type **Study 3** - **Prestressed Frequency Domain** in the **Label** text field.

#### Step 2: Frequency-Domain Perturbation

- I In the Model Builder window, under Study 3 Prestressed Frequency Domain click Step 2: Frequency-Domain Perturbation.
- **2** In the Settings window for Frequency-Domain Perturbation, locate the Study Settings section.
- 3 In the Frequencies text field, type fd.
- 4 Click to expand the Study Extensions section. Select the Auxiliary sweep checkbox.
- 5 From the Sweep type list, choose All combinations.
- 6 Click + Add.

7 In the table, enter the following settings:

| Parameter name                  | Parameter value list | Parameter unit |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| AC_on (I to turn on AC drive, 0 | 1                    |                |
| otherwise)                      |                      |                |

8 Click + Add.

**9** In the table, enter the following settings:

| Parameter name                | Parameter value list | Parameter unit |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Omega (Angular rotation rate) | 0 100                | deg/s          |

**IO** In the **Study** toolbar, click **= Compute**.

## RESULTS

#### Stress (solid) 1

Create some plots to examine the result. First look at the drive mode amplitude.

Imag X displacement - Drive mode amplitude

- I Right-click Stress (solid) I and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, type Imag X displacement Drive mode amplitude in the Label text field.
- 3 Click to expand the Title section. From the Title type list, choose Manual.
- **4** In the **Title** text area, type Drive mode amplitude  $(\mu m)$ .
- 5 Locate the Plot Settings section. From the Frame list, choose Material (X, Y, Z).
- 6 Locate the Color Legend section. Select the Show maximum and minimum values checkbox.

Volume 1

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Imag X displacement Drive mode amplitude node, then click Volume I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Volume, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the **Expression** text field, type imag(u).

#### Deformation

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Volume I node, then click Deformation.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- **3** In the **x-component** text field, type imag(u).

- **4** In the **y-component** text field, type imag(v).
- 5 In the z-component text field, type imag(w).

#### 6 In the Imag X displacement - Drive mode amplitude toolbar, click 🗿 Plot.

freq=38262 Hz, AC\_on=1, Omega=100 deg/sDrive mode amplitude (μm)



We see that the drive mode amplitude is about 2.4 um. This can be compared to an estimation using an analytic formula. This gives a good estimate of 2.2 um (see instructions below). The formula for the amplitude as a function of applied force, Q factor, and spring constant can be found in standard textbooks such as Ref. 2 (Appendix B).

## **GLOBAL DEFINITIONS**

Parameters 6 - Estimate drive mode amplitude

- I In the Home toolbar, click  $P_i$  Parameters and choose Add > Parameters.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 6 Estimate drive mode amplitude in the Label text field.

| Name       | Expression   | Value     | Description   |
|------------|--|-----------|---|
| n_overlaps | 2*n_combs*4  | 64        | Total number of comb<br>drive electrode<br>overlaps |
| F_comb_dc  | n_overlaps*<br>epsilon0_const*<br>t_beam*Vcomb^2/(2*<br>gap_combs) | 6.12E-6 N | DC comb force                                       |
| F_comb_ac  | 2*F_comb_dc*V_ac/<br>Vcomb   | 6.12E-7 N | AC comb force                                       |
| u_ac0      | F_comb_ac*Q/k_tot  | 2.17E-6 m | Estimated drive mode<br>AC amplitude                |

3 Locate the **Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Create some plots to look at the sense mode response.

#### RESULTS

#### Real Z displacement - No rotation

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Stress (solid) I and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, type Real Z displacement No rotation in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Data section. From the Parameter value (Omega (deg/s)) list, choose 0.
- 4 Locate the Plot Settings section. From the Frame list, choose Material (X, Y, Z).
- **5** Locate the **Color Legend** section. Select the **Show maximum and minimum values** checkbox.

#### Volume 1

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Real Z displacement No rotation node, then click Volume I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Volume, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the Expression text field, type w.
- **4** Clear the **Compute differential** checkbox.

#### Deformation

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Volume I node, then click Deformation.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the z-component text field, type w\*1e3.

**4** In the **Real Z displacement - No rotation** toolbar, click **O Plot**.

#### Real Z Displacement - Rotation

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Real Z displacement No rotation and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, type Real Z Displacement Rotation in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Data section. From the Parameter value (Omega (deg/s)) list, choose 100.
- **4** In the **Real Z Displacement Rotation** toolbar, click **O** Plot.

Real Z displacement - Net sense signal

- I Right-click Real Z Displacement Rotation and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, type Real Z displacement Net sense signal in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Title section. From the Title type list, choose Manual.
- **4** In the **Title** text area, type Sense mode amplitude  $(\mu m)$ .

Volume 1

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Real Z displacement Net sense signal node, then click Volume 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for Volume, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the Expression text field, type w-withsol('sol4',w,setind(Omega,1)).

#### Deformation

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Volume I node, then click Deformation.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the x-component text field, type u-withsol('sol4',u,setind(Omega,1)).
- 4 In the y-component text field, type v-withsol('sol4',v,setind(Omega,1)).
- 5 In the z-component text field, type (w-withsol('sol4',w,setind(Omega,1)))\*1e3.

## 6 In the Real Z displacement - Net sense signal toolbar, click 💽 Plot.





By clicking on the center of each proof mass in the plot and look at the result in the **Evaluation 3D** table, we see that the sense mode amplitude is about 0.20 nm. This can be compared to an estimation using an analytic formula. This gives a good estimate of 0.21 nm (see instructions below). The calculation of the Coriolis force can be found in standard textbooks such as Ref. 2 (Chapter 22).

## **GLOBAL DEFINITIONS**

Parameters 7 - Estimate sense mode amplitude

- I In the Home toolbar, click  $P_i$  Parameters and choose Add > Parameters.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 7 Estimate sense mode amplitude in the Label text field.

| Name              | Expression                                    | Value        | Description   |
|-------------------|---|--------------|---|
| fs                | 41129[Hz]                                     | 41129 Hz     | Computed sense mode<br>eigenfrequency                             |
| k_from_fd         | mO*(2*pi*fd)^2                                | 128.72 N/m   | Total spring<br>constant from<br>computed drive mode<br>frequency |
| u_ac0_from_f<br>d | F_comb_ac*Q/<br>k_from_fd                     | 2.3772E-6 m  | Drive mode AC<br>amplitude from<br>computed frequency             |
| v_ac0_from_f<br>d | u_acO_from_fd*2*<br>pi*fd                     | 0.5715 m/s   | Drive mode velocity<br>amplitude from<br>computed frequency       |
| F_c               | 2*m0*<br>v_ac0_from_fd*<br>100[deg/s]         | 4.4431E-9 N  | Coriolis force  |
| k_from_fs         | mO*(2*pi*fs)^2                                | 148.74 N/m   | Spring constant from<br>computed sense mode<br>frequency          |
| u_s_at_fs         | F_c*Q/k_from_fs                               | 1.4936E-8 m  | Sense mode amplitude<br>if driven at sense<br>frequency           |
| u_s               | u_s_at_fs/<br>sqrt(1+Q^2*(fd/<br>fs-fs/fd)^2) | 2.0651E-10 m | Estimated sense mode<br>amplitude at drive<br>frequency           |

3 Locate the **Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

As an alternative to reading values off the graphs, in the following steps we show how to use the **Evaluation Group** tool to evaluate the displacement values. First create an average operator and update the solution so that the newly created operator will be recognized by the solution dataset.

## DEFINITIONS

Average 1 - Lower Electrodes

- I In the Definitions toolbar, click *P* Nonlocal Couplings and choose Average.
- 2 In the Settings window for Average, type Average 1 Lower Electrodes in the Label text field.
- 3 In the **Operator name** text field, type aveoppp.
- 4 Locate the Source Selection section. From the Geometric entity level list, choose Boundary.

5 From the Selection list, choose Union 7 - Lower electrode effective region.

## STUDY I - STATIONARY

In the **Study** toolbar, click *C* **Update Solution**.

## RESULTS

Evaluation Group I - Study I - Stationary

- I In the **Results** toolbar, click **Evaluation Group**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Evaluation Group, type Evaluation Group 1 Study 1 Stationary in the Label text field.

Global Evaluation 1

- I Right-click Evaluation Group I Study I Stationary and choose Global Evaluation.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global Evaluation, locate the Expressions section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

| Expression | Unit | Description            |
|------------|------|------------------------|
| aveoppp(w) | μm   | Average Z displacement |

**4** In the **Evaluation Group I - Study I - Stationary** toolbar, click **= Evaluate**.

Continue to use the **Evaluation Group** tool to evaluate the drive mode and sense mode amplitudes for the prestressed frequency domain study.

In addition, compute the sensitivity in terms of the sense capacitance change per rotation rate, in the units of aF/(deg/s). Two alternatives are used below. The first one integrates the capacitance per unit area variable C\_A defined earlier over the effective region of the lower electrodes. Note the use of the sign variable for the AC signal, and the use of the **Compute differential** checkbox to evaluate the correct small signal amplitude of the variable C\_A, which is a nonlinear function of the dependent variables (alternatively, the lindev operator can be used with the checkbox cleared). The other one estimates the capacitance change by taking the derivative of the analytic parallel plate capacitance with respect to the gap size and multiplying by the sense mode amplitude. Both methods produced very similar results. It can be useful to evaluate the sense capacitance amplitude without dividing by the rotation rate, as shown in the last row of the global evaluation table.

## STUDY 3 - PRESTRESSED FREQUENCY DOMAIN

In the Study toolbar, click C Update Solution.

#### RESULTS

Evaluation Group 2 - Study 3 - Prestressed Frequency Domain

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Evaluation Group I Study I Stationary and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Evaluation Group, type Evaluation Group 2 Study 3 Prestressed Frequency Domain in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Data section. From the Dataset list, choose Study 3 -Prestressed Frequency Domain/Solution 4 (sol4).
- 4 From the Parameter selection (Omega) list, choose Last.

Global Evaluation 1

- In the Model Builder window, expand the Evaluation Group 2 Study 3 -Prestressed Frequency Domain node, then click Global Evaluation 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global Evaluation, locate the Expressions section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

| Expression   | Unit    | Description                    |
|--|---------|--------------------------------|
| <pre>aveoppp(imag(sign*u))</pre>   | $\mu$ m | Drive mode amplitude           |
| <pre>aveoppp(real(sign*w))</pre>   | $\mu$ m | Sense mode amplitude           |
| <pre>intoppp(sign*C_A)/Omega/1[aF/ (deg/s)]</pre>  | 1       | Sensitivity (aF/(deg/s))       |
| <pre>-aveoppp(real(sign*w))* epsilon0_const*intoppp(1)/ t_anchor^2/Omega/1[aF/(deg/s)]</pre> | 1       | Estimated sensitivity          |
| <pre>intoppp(sign*C_A)</pre>   | aF      | Sense capacitance<br>amplitude |

- 4 Select the **Compute differential** checkbox.
- 5 In the Evaluation Group 2 Study 3 Prestressed Frequency Domain toolbar, click
   Evaluate.